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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2008 ("Office Action"), which set a shortened statutory period of three months for response and is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and requisite filing fee. This response is filed timely upon mailing with an executed Certificate of Mailing on or before December 26, 2008, since December 25, 2008 is a Federal Holiday. It is believed that this response does not occasion any additional fees or extensions of time, but should there be any need for such an extension of time please treat

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Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 and the Remarks begin on page 8. Entry of the amendments to the claims herein set forth is respectfully requested.